

# THE OMAHA MORNING BEE

VOL. 52—NO. 13.

Entered as Second-Class Matter May 26, 1902, at Omaha, Neb., under Act of March 3, 1879.

OMAHA, MONDAY, JULY 3, 1922.

By Mail (1 year) \$5.00; (6 months) \$3.00; (3 months) \$1.50. Outside the city limits (1 year) \$6.00; (6 months) \$3.50; (3 months) \$1.75.

TWO CENTS

## Both Sides in Strike Mark Time

Second Day of Shopmen's Walkout Here Is Uneventful—Union Pickets Take Holiday.

## Four Trains Are Delayed

Sunday, the second day of the railway shopmen's strike, was uneventful in Omaha, Council Bluffs and South Omaha.

Trains, with four exceptions, arrived on time in Omaha terminals, according to station time boards. Large crowds leaving and arriving for the Fourth of July, filled the Union and Burlington stations.

## Claim 97 Per Cent Out

Officials of the Union Pacific federation No. 105 issued a statement claiming that telegraphic reports received at the federation offices here indicate that slightly more than 97 per cent of the maintenance of equipment workers of the Union Pacific system answered the strike call at 10 Saturday morning.

Approximately 50 Union Pacific points had reported to the federation offices by 6 Sunday, these officials said. They would give no actual figures, explaining that until all reports were in there could be no accuracy.

## Claim Is Contradicted

Contradicting this claim, W. H. Guild, assistant to the vice president of the Union Pacific system, said Sunday night that incomplete reports received at headquarters here indicated that not more than 75 per cent of the shopmen struck on the Union Pacific system.

"Nearly 300 men, all mechanics, are left in our Omaha shops," said Guild. "That is a force large enough to keep things going. We also are well served by our Council Bluffs roundhouse. There will be no interruption in transportation on the Union Pacific."

H. E. Gates, chairman of the local strike committee, in a statement to The Omaha Bee late Sunday, reiterated claims that 98 per cent of the Union Pacific shopmen and 75 per cent of the common laborers here walked out Saturday morning.

**Definite Figures Lacking.**  
"We are unable to give definite figures on the Union Pacific shop walkout as yet," said Chairman Gates. "Some of the men who quit Saturday were not members of any of the shopcrafts, but we don't know how many. None of the shops or roundhouses could be called closed shop jobs."

Replying to claims that transportation could not be tied up by the maintenance of equipment strike for an indefinite period, J. Anthony Johnson, secretary and treasurer of the Union Pacific federation, said in a statement yesterday: "If shopmen aren't essential why do the railroads employ 400,000 of them?"

A mass meeting of striking shopmen was held in Council Bluffs yesterday afternoon. A similar meeting will be held at the Central Labor temple in Omaha at 10 this morning, preceded by a meeting of the strike executive committee.

## Rogers Hornsby Still Fast on His "Dogs"

When the St. Louis Cardinals were playing a series of Cincinnati last season, "Bo" McMillin, Centre college's all-American quarterback, took in the game. He and Rogers Hornsby, the Cardinals' star shortstop, attended high school together in northern Texas.

During a chat in one of the downtown hotels after one of the games, a remark was made about Hornsby's speed. "Bo" was not much impressed because, as he remembered, Rogers was not so fast. In a kidding way McMillin suggested a foot race. Hornsby took him up.

Next day the two great athletes took the race on the Redland field, the course being 100 yards. Rogers showed an amazing burst of speed, taking the lead and keeping it up until he was fully thirty-five yards ahead of McMillin, when the latter gave up.

## Omaha Delegates Named for Convention of Bankers

The following delegates will represent the Omaha chapter of the American Institute of Banking at the annual convention to be held at Portland, July 17, 18, 19 and 20: A. L. Coad, Packers' National bank; O. P. Cordill, Federal Reserve; T. P. Dineen, United States National; Mary P. Doyle, Omaha National; W. H. Drexler, Stockyards National; Fred Eyer, Omaha National; Oscar Johnson, First National; J. Kessler Jones, Federal Reserve; Richard Larson, United States National; Fred McCauley, Packers' National; Emma McRae, Nebraska National; Anna T. Olson, Livestock National; Martha Sier, Stockyards National; Smith, Stockyards National; A. L. Vickery, United States National.

## Republicans of Ponca Organize Randall Club

Ponca, Neb., July 2.—(Special.)—At a meeting of Republicans held at the courthouse, a "Randall for Governor" club was organized, with J. T. McCarthy, president, and Lloyd Lynde, secretary. The club plans an aggressive campaign covering Dixon county, with a view of bringing out a 100 per cent republican vote at the July 18 primary. An auto load of boosters from Cedar county, Mr. Randall's home, was present to assist in the organization.

## President Harding Intercedes for Dog Sentenced to Death

Chief Executive's Sympathy Aroused by Pet Owned by Alien, Condemned Unlawfully of Pennsylvania—Sends Appeal to Governor Sproul.

Harrisburg, Pa., July 2.—The president of the United States and Mrs. Harding, and Governor Sproul of Pennsylvania, it became known today, interceded for the life of a dog that was supposed to have been condemned to death at Lansdale, Pa., because it was owned by an alien, contrary to Pennsylvania law. The dog's life had been saved, and the alien, Jacob Silverman, a farmer, fined \$25 before the presidential appeal reached. Justice of the Peace Howard Boorse, the alien has taken an appeal from the fine and "Dick" Silverman, part St. Bernard and part mastiff, is in the care of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

The president, in his appeal to the governor, said: "I think you will have to count this letter a personal one, rather than an official communication. I write it at the suggestion of Mrs. Harding, though I am happy to do so, because of the appeal which has greatly stirred her touches me no less forcibly."

## Dog Sentenced to Die

"I enclose you the anonymous letter and the newspaper clippings which came to Mrs. Harding. If the story is correct a Russian immigrant has a faithful dog which he loves and because his possession of the dog in some way conflicts with the state law, the devoted animal has been sentenced to be shot."

"I have tried to put myself, loving a good dog as I do, in the position of this poor immigrant, and I know the perturbation that fills his soul. I once had to have a dog killed that

## Lutheran Pastors Attack National Prohibition Act

Eighteenth Amendment Bitterly Scored by Ministers Meeting in Chicago—Breeds Lawlessness.

Chicago, July 2.—Prohibition as embodied in the 18th amendment not only is a failure, but breeds disrespect for law, works an injustice to the poor and makes drunkards out of persons who ordinarily would be abstainers or only moderate drinkers.

Such was the belief expressed in interviews by prominent Lutheran ministers who are attending the annual session of the Illinois district of the Missouri synod of the Lutheran church.

**Law Not Success.**  
"Prohibition as now carried out has not been a success," asserted Rev. J. A. Bernthal of St. Paul church, San Francisco. "I favor a return to beer and light wines, but I oppose return of the saloon. The saloon abuses its privileges. But why should we deprive honest and decent families of liquor? No man should be deprived of his personal liberty unless he abuses it."

"There are reasons for welcoming prohibition, but I hope the day will come when the 18th amendment may be safely changed," said Rev. Paul Sauer, pastor of St. John Lutheran church. "In continental Europe there is little drunkenness because the people drink weak beers and wines. That should be the condition in this country."

**Breeds Disrespect.**  
"The prohibition law has not worked out beneficially for the community," said Rev. F. Merbitz, secretary of the district synod. "It has bred disrespect for law. It is discredited continually and almost openly. Law ought to be obeyed by every one in the community."

"As the law works out, the working man who sometimes needs stimulants has not the means to get good liquor and uses poisonous substitutes. The wealthy men seem to be able to get all they want, and as a result there is bad feeling against the rich on the part of the poor."

## Torington Telegram Sold

Scottsbluff, Neb., July 2.—(Special Telegram.)—E. P. McVey, editor and publisher of the Torington Telegram, former publisher of the Henry Dispatch and well known in Nebraska and Wyoming newspaper circles, has announced the sale of the Telegram to F. S. Pavitt of Greeley, Colo.

## Interesting and Important News

The Omaha Bee "Want" Ad columns contain some of the most interesting and important news of the day. Read them regularly.

At a glance they enable you to visualize labor conditions—they reflect the automobile and real estate markets—familiarize you with the legal notices and other information that you will read every day, once you know where to find it.

Omaha Bee "Want" Ads secure better results at lesser cost.

## Wealthy California Man Slain

Sacramento Broker Is Shot Down by Unknown Assassin in Saloon in Chicago—Murderer Escapes.

## Mystery Clouds Killing

Omaha Bee Learned Wire. Chicago, July 2.—In a mystery in which are entangled a \$200,000 contract with southern California vineyards, an Italian vendetta in which one man already had been killed and a love story which may, or may not, be the motive of the tragedy, Thomas R. Petrotta, wealthy Sacramento broker and a guest at the Morrison hotel, was today lured to a North Side rendezvous and murdered in cold blood.

Vincent Curtaio, the "king of the moonshiners," was wounded in the affray. Curtaio's partner, George Candiotto, is with half a dozen others, under arrest. The assassin is missing; the witnesses, characterized by the police as "bunches of fools," did not see a thing.

From letters and telegrams found in the dead man's room and from musty records and newspaper clippings, police investigating the affray have reconstructed a semi-coherent explanation of the killing; however, details only with actual occurrences preceding the murder.

## Wounded Last September

On September 2, 1918, police received call that a man had been shot at Townsend and Hobbie streets. They went there and found a man lying on the sidewalk with a bullet hole in his skull. The man was Petrotta.

Taken to the hospital, he recovered but refused to talk. The shooting remained a mystery. A month ago Tony Curtaio, brother of Vincent, walked into a hail of bullets at Division and Townsend streets. He died before the police arrived. Again a mystery.

On June 17, Petrotta, now general manager of the Swastika Fruit company of Sacramento, a concern which deals heavily in wholesale shipments of California grapes and wines, registered at the Morrison hotel.

## Find Photo of Girl

In his suitcase police found a photograph of a beautiful young woman. Her name is "Rose." She wrote endearing letters to Petrotta in which Curtaio's name was used more than once.

Petrotta wrote to her as well; her letters mentioned his replies. Thus for the love motive.

Petrotta also knew Curtaio in a business way. They had signed a contract for a \$200,000 deal in wine. In a letter to A. Bondi, Sacramento, dated June 22, Petrotta told of this. Bondi was his partner.

"As I stated in my wire," the letter reads, "he wants to go into partnership with us, investing the capital of \$200,000 if we can produce in our own winery 200,000 gallons of sherry and port."

On sherry he wants about 25 per cent and 75 per cent on port. Besides that he can dispose of about 150,000 gallons of zinfandel, muscatel, claret and tokay—which wines he does not care if we buy from other places.

"He would like to be a general partner in the manufacturing and selling of wine, and the profit to be divided. Or either he will furnish the money and we will make the wine for him, charging him so much per gallon."

"Or, you see, this is a very big price. Let Silver or all of them to share on a big deal like this. However, I will leave it for your consideration which would be best to proceed."

In reply he received a wire of acceptance. This also was found. Petrotta apparently closed the deal. The police say, and received \$7,000 in cash for the first payment.

## Shot Down in Saloon

Then this morning, Petrotta received phone call to come to Curtaio's saloon at 720 North Wells street. He walked from the Morrison hotel into a taxicab driven by Hans Christenson, and drove there.

He was met by Curtaio and another man. As Curtaio shook Petrotta's hand, the other man fired six shots. Petrotta dropped. Curtaio cursed; he had been wounded by a bullet which had passed through Petrotta's body.

The assassin fled. Petrotta was hurried to the hospital, but he was dead. Curtaio was taken to the Police hospital. He is not badly injured and is now under arrest.

Police questioned all witnesses, but they didn't hear much. They found out, however, that Curtaio had bailed out Arthur Langrafs a few hours before the shooting. They are seeking him.

## Fairbury Wheat Tests High in Percentage of Protein

Fairbury, Neb., July 2.—(Special.)—A sample of the first wheat threshed, which came from the J. L. Har-land in Jefferson county, was made to a Kansas City laboratory for a test as to the per cent of protein it contained. The percentage was 14.20, 2 per cent greater than the average of last year.

## Miss Chicago Wins

Peoria, Ill., July 2.—With 29 speed boats entered, including boats from all parts of the middle west, first heats in the Mississippi valley power boat regatta were held on Peoria lake today.

## Little Buddie Is Having Bad Dreams



## Mother Nature Puts Check on July Race for Liberty

Steamers Rushing to Land July Quota of Aliens at New York Held Up by Dense Fog.

New York, July 2.—Nature, bestowing her blows impartially, stepped in among the contestants in the great immigrant sweepstakes yesterday, and throwing a record summer fog over the New York harbor, stopped the July "race for liberty" before it fairly started.

When the thousands of immigrants saw day break yesterday morning they could scarcely tell it from night. It was impossible to see the stern from the bow of any of the great liners which were in quarantine waiting for medical inspection. The fog had settled early and experienced harbor men declared there was little chance for the immigrants to land and be counted on the national quotas which opened at midnight Friday night.

After a gallant run up the bay the Argentine, an Italian boat, which had beaten the King Alexander, a Greek ship, by half an hour almost came to grief, barely averting a collision with the Aquitania. Yet all its efforts went for naught for it docked too late to get the passengers to Ellis Island.

## Race of Greeks

The race early resolved itself primarily into a race of Greeks. The Greek quota for July is low—only 650—and four ships which arrived after midnight brought more than that number. First to drop anchor off Rosebank was the Italian steamer, Conte Rosso, with 500 Greek steerage passengers. Twenty minutes later the President Wilson, with 200 have to. The Argentine got in early yesterday morning and was followed by the King Alexander.

Promptly at 6, Capt. Hillary, in command of the quarantine cutter fleet, took out one of his boats. He had two doctors aboard and was bound for the Conte Rosso. Usually the Alliance semi-weekly papers in 10 minutes but it was 8 o'clock when the doctors reached the ship. And so it went through the early morning. The nine ships, all lying out there "somewhere in the mist," were literally lost in a strip of water not over a mile in width.

## Bedraggled Sight

When, after six hours, the fog lifted, a bedraggled sight met the eyes. With pennants wet, decks wetter, passengers even more drenched, the Conte Rosso, Argentina, King Alexander, Nieuw Amsterdam, Seiditz, Vestris and President Wilson lay wallowing in an oily channel. Nosing its way up the river was the Aquitania, and coming up from Ambrose channel was the Paris, French liner, which had been outdistanced in the fog.

It was not until then that the doctors could go aboard their respective ships. The immigrants' race had degenerated into a dull, uninteresting thing. Nobody knew and nobody cared who was ahead. It was a matter of routine from that time on. One by one the ships were cleared and sent on their way up the bay, to disgorge their immigrant cargoes for Ellis Island in a driving rain.

## Spray Cure for Pests

Washington, July 2.—The most effective method of controlling citrus pests, arch enemies of Florida fruit crops, is by spraying, officials of the Agricultural department assert.

## Candidate Caught in Violent Storm

W. H. Shuman, Congress Aspirant, Has Adventures With Flood Waters.

Chadron, Neb., July 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Caught in a cloudburst, having bridges washed out upon all sides of him and sleeping in the car with his driver while flood waters surged about, was the experience last night of William E. Shuman, republican candidate for congress in the Sixth district, who left Alliance last evening for Chadron over one of the finest highways in the state.

Normally, the trip requires less than three hours. Shuman stopped at Hemingford, where he talked to more than 100 voters, mostly farmers, and then resumed his journey to Chadron.

Suddenly the storm came up and the car was forced into a ditch, leaving the occupants powerless, while flood waters raced by.

After midnight the rain ceased and Shuman and the driver dug a path for the wheels and got the car onto the road again after a hard struggle, only to travel a short distance and find a great gaping hole and noisy waters, where a bridge had been.

They waited until morning and then securing horses, planks, block and tackle, and with the aid of the engine forced three streams where bridges had been washed out in the flood, and arrived in Chadron at noon.

Shuman left his home the first of the week by auto on a campaign trip which will carry him through the greater portion of "Big Six" congressional district before he returns to his home in North Platte in time to vote at the primaries. He is preaching the doctrine of progressive republicanism.

## Public Has Interests

It was the theory of the creators of the railway labor board that the interests of the public demanded some such tribunal to which both parties to a controversy could have recourse. While the decisions of the board are not binding it was expected they would have a strong moral effect.

The absence of the president prevents expression of any additional views on the subject here now but men close to the administration express the belief that the attitude so expressed will continue.

## Youth and Girl Held

Up Near Bluffs Park. Hugh Schmidt, 1900 Fifth Avenue, and a girl companion whose name was not given to Council Bluffs police, were held up and robbed near Cochran park, Twenty-first street and Second avenue, Saturday night by two gunmen. The youth lost \$17.85, but nothing was stolen from the girl. The robbery was a robbery by dropping it down the neck of her dress.

Upon descriptions furnished by Schmidt, detectives arrested two Bluffs young men at an early hour yesterday morning. The robbery victim failed to identify them.

## Hero of World War Found Starving in New York City Park

New York, July 2.—Four years ago France and Italy decorated Louis Fredrow, four times wounded, gassed and shell shocked while serving in the Yankee division in France. A passing policeman found him today, huddled, rain-soaked and starving, on a bench in Bryant park, in the heart of New York's busiest district. He was unable to tell his story until, at the station house, coffee and food bought with a collection taken up among policemen, had revived him slightly.

Then he said in a hoarse whisper the gas he got in France still burned his throat. He explained that he had enlisted in the 103d infantry in May, 1917. He was married and lived in Boston. He never found his wife and daughter after his return from France.

Fredrow had not eaten for three days, he told the police, and had spent most of that time in Bryant park.

## Harding to Guard Public Interest in Industry Wars

Assumes Attitude Taken by Coolidge in Policemen's Strike—Neutrality To Be Kept.

BY GEORGE F. AUTHIER. (Washington Correspondent Omaha Bee.) Washington, July 2.—(Special Telegram.)—President Harding has struck a new note in administrative handling of labor disputes.

He has made it plain that in dealing with these disputes he proposes to put the interest of the general public first. In other words, the president does not intend to take sides in labor disputes, but does intend to see to it so far as possible, that the interests of the general public shall not be jeopardized by disputes in industry where capital and labor may be regarded as servants of the general public.

This was the position taken by Vice President Coolidge in the case of the Boston policemen's strike and it proved successful.

## Announces Stand

President Harding made this clear in his address to the representatives of the miners and coal operators whom he called in to settle the coal strike. It is assumed it will be his position in regard to the railway shopmen's strike.

Some time ago President Harding made it known at the White House that he had never given instructions to the railway labor board except to learn the facts and make decisions thereon, and that the full power of the government would support the decisions.

## Public Has Interests

It was the theory of the creators of the railway labor board that the interests of the public demanded some such tribunal to which both parties to a controversy could have recourse. While the decisions of the board are not binding it was expected they would have a strong moral effect.

The absence of the president prevents expression of any additional views on the subject here now but men close to the administration express the belief that the attitude so expressed will continue.

## Youth and Girl Held

Up Near Bluffs Park. Hugh Schmidt, 1900 Fifth Avenue, and a girl companion whose name was not given to Council Bluffs police, were held up and robbed near Cochran park, Twenty-first street and Second avenue, Saturday night by two gunmen. The youth lost \$17.85, but nothing was stolen from the girl. The robbery was a robbery by dropping it down the neck of her dress.

Upon descriptions furnished by Schmidt, detectives arrested two Bluffs young men at an early hour yesterday morning. The robbery victim failed to identify them.

## Hero of World War Found Starving in New York City Park

New York, July 2.—Four years ago France and Italy decorated Louis Fredrow, four times wounded, gassed and shell shocked while serving in the Yankee division in France. A passing policeman found him today, huddled, rain-soaked and starving, on a bench in Bryant park, in the heart of New York's busiest district. He was unable to tell his story until, at the station house, coffee and food bought with a collection taken up among policemen, had revived him slightly.

Then he said in a hoarse whisper the gas he got in France still burned his throat. He explained that he had enlisted in the 103d infantry in May, 1917. He was married and lived in Boston. He never found his wife and daughter after his return from France.

Fredrow had not eaten for three days, he told the police, and had spent most of that time in Bryant park.

## Oil Camp Seized by Mexicans

Rebel General Demands 10,000 Pesos for Release of American Plant Located West of Tuxpam.

## Troops Sent to Aguada

Omaha Bee Learned Wire. Washington, July 2.—Another American oil camp has been held up for ransom by Mexican bandits, according to an official dispatch to the State department from Consul Shaw at Tampico.

This time it is the Palo Blanco camp of the Penn-Mex Fuel company, an American concern, operating in a district about 30 miles west of Tampico.

## Demands 10,000 Pesos

According to Consul Shaw's report, representatives of the oil company visited him last night, the rebel General Larraga, had appeared at the Palo Blanco camp and demanded the payment of 10,000 pesos by July 1.

Another telegram from Consul Shaw, filed June 30 at Tampico, stated that the consul had just received reliable information that approximately 400 Mexican troops had been sent by the Mexican authorities to the Aguada district on June 29.

This force, the consul said, probably would be able to handle the situation.

## Action Against Gorozabe

The State department received a message from Charge d'Affaires George T. Sumnerlin at Mexico City, stating that he had received an informal note from Foreign Minister Pani of the Mexican government, transmitting a message from the Mexican war department to the effect that urgent orders were being issued to Gen. Guadalupe Sanchez, commanding the federal forces in the Tampico district, to proceed vigorously to suppress the rebel, General Larraga, who is reported to have held 40 Americans and property of the Cortez Oil company at Aguada camp, near Tampico, on last Sunday, and who later appeared at the Pecero camp of the Corona Oil company and demanded ransom.

## Grilling of Brown by Sleuths Fails

Three Omaha Detectives Unable to Obtain Siefken Murder Admissions.

Three hours' questioning by Detectives Gurnett, Aughe and Franks of the Omaha police department failed Saturday to shake the stony reserve of Fred Brown, "maniac man," on the question of his alleged major crimes.

One after another Brown flatly denied the crimes blamed to him, including the Siefken murders, and admitted little except that he was the principal of the Brown chaining episode. "It is significant that he did not deny shooting Charles Geismann, Omaha patrolman, while vehemently denying all the other crimes," the detectives said after returning from the Lincoln penitentiary, where Brown is a prisoner. "He also gave us information that may lead to establishing the identity of his partner, and we are convinced that the Siefken slayer had a pal who helped him get away."

Brown will not be brought back to Omaha until after July 4, the officers reported.

His return is viewed by both him and the officers as a crisis in the "maniac" case.

"They tried to make me talk once," Brown declared defiantly, "but I never opened my mouth, though they smashed in my head. We'll see whether I talk 'his time.'"

Brown denied that he had an ambition to be a "bad man."

## Bratton School Contract Let to Auburn Contractors

Auburn, Neb., July 2.—(Special.)—The contract for the building of the Bratton consolidated school building has been let by the board here. There were five bidders, representing Auburn, Humboldt and Fairbury firms.

H. Bellas & Son of Auburn was awarded the contract for \$15,000. The old building was destroyed by fire July 1 before the closing of school for the summer vacation.

At the election called to vote bonds for rebuilding only 12 votes were against the proposition.

## Amusement Park Planned by Beatrice Business Men

Beatrice, Neb., July 2.—(Special.)—Two Beatrice business men are making plans to establish an amusement resort in Riverside park just south of the river, and are trying to secure a 10-year lease on the grounds from the city commission. If this is done they propose to put in a swimming pool, sand beach and other attractions. They expect the city to supply water and electricity in return for 15 per cent of the gross receipts.

## Two Earthquake Shocks Registered at Washington

Washington, July 2.—Two earthquake shocks were registered on the seismograph of Georgetown university today, one this afternoon, apparently being "local" and possibly in the United States at a distance of 700 or 800 miles from Washington. The other was felt this morning, but was at a greater distance.

The one this afternoon continued from 4:28 to 4:35, but was not as pronounced as the one this morning.

## The Weather

Forecast. Nebraska—Showers and cooler. Monday; unsettled Tuesday.

Hourly Temperatures.

Time	Temp.	Time	Temp.
5 a. m.	62	1 p. m.	64
6 a. m.	62	2 p. m.	66
7 a. m.	62	3 p. m.	68
8 a. m.	62	4 p. m.	68
9 a. m.	62	5 p. m.	67
10 a. m.	62	6 p. m.	65
11 a. m.	62	7 p. m.	63
12 m.	62	8 p. m.	61
1 p. m.	62	9 p. m.	59
2 p. m.	62	10 p. m.	57
3 p. m.	62	11 p. m.	55
4 p. m.	62	12 m.	53